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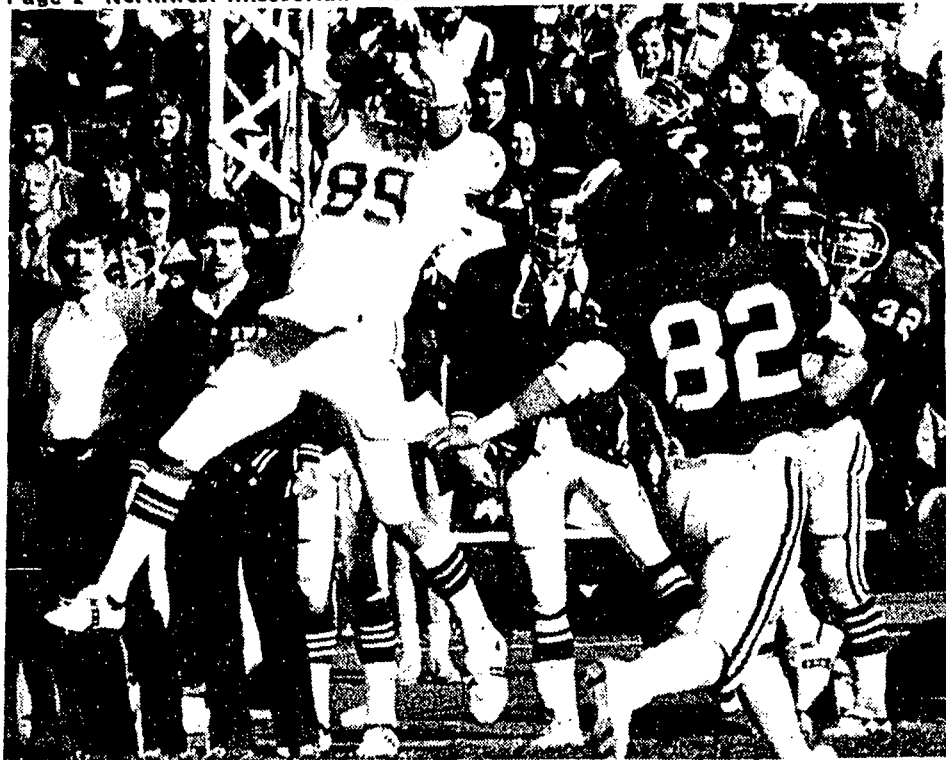


*It's not easy
to lose your first
game of the season
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conference game.*

*Not only did we have to
battle those guys out there,
we had to fight 40 degree
temperatures and 20 mile an
hour northerly winds.*

*To top it all off,
it was Homecoming, so we
had to lose in front of
11,000 screaming people . . .
and my mom.*

Steve Gard



Bearcats fought unsuccessfully to hold their ground in last Saturday's Homecoming game against the Southeast Missouri State Indians.

'Cats claim first loss—Indians scalp'em 17-12

— Jim Conaway

Though he says it's only a "secondary" motivation to do well in Saturday's (Oct. 23) football game, wide receiver Brad Boyer will have a "little score to settle" with Central Missouri State's football coach Walt Hicklin.

At 2 p.m. when the Bearcat-Mule clash will be getting underway in Warrensburg's Vernon Kennedy Stadium, Boyer can't help but remember how he was treated as a high school athlete, and the problem is that Hicklin was Boyer's football coach while the two were at Lee's Summit High School.

"When Hicklin was at my high school, Missouri Western was the place where they (the Hicklin brothers) encouraged players to go when they felt they weren't good enough to play anywhere else. When college recruiters came to my high school, Hicklin told them that he had only two players that they would be interested in," Boyer recalled.

"And I wasn't one of them," he added.

Then how did Boyer find his way to NWMSU?

"I was lucky," Boyer explained. "Because of the situation that I was involved in, I had to write letters everywhere and former NWMSU Coach Gladden Dye told me come up and visit. I brought some of my high school films and he liked what he saw."

"So, he gave me a scholarship that was turned down by someone else," said Boyer. "And I remember Coach Dye telling me that Hicklin never mentioned me when he went to visit my high school," added the wide receiver. "The whole thing makes me mad because I'm lucky I got a chance to play college football."

But Boyer, who leads his team in receiving with ten catches for 255 yards and has scored three touchdowns, said his top priority in Saturday's game will be to help his team get back on the winning track after losing their homecoming contest to Southeast Missouri 17-12.

And if that homecoming game between the Bearcats and the Indians was a battle between their kickers, the 'Cats didn't stand a chance.

NWMSU's conversion and field goal kicking game, which has been consistently inconsistent all season, had problems. Steve Stokes missed his fifth and sixth field goal tries (36 and 46 yards) in ten attempts this season. His extra point try, which went too far right after the 'Cats scored their first touchdown, did the most damage.

The missed extra point then put the 'Cats in a position to go for two when they scored again and Kirk Mathew's pass did not reach his receiver.

Excluding the kicking game, the match was close statistically.

NWMSU won 21-14 in first downs; 177-153 in rushing yardage; 85-68 in return yardage; and 40.8-34.3 in punting while the visiting Indians won 101-54 in passing yardage; 254-231 in total offense; and most of all, 17-12 in scoring.

The loss lowered NWMSU's record to 1-1 in the MIAA and 5-1 overall while Southeast Missouri State upped its record to 2-0 in the MIAA and 5-2 overall.

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SPORTS

Graduate student John Wellerding won first place in the Graceland College Cross Country Invitational last Saturday Oct. 16, by clocking 25:09 for five miles. 61 runners competed in the race.

The Bearkitten cross country team won the Central of Iowa Invitational at Pella, last Saturday (Oct. 16).

Places and times of 'Kittens finishing the race were: 1. Ann Kimm 15:12; 2. Julie Schmitz 15:21; 5. Jill Vette 15:40; 7. Betty Grieser 15:56; and 8. Marla McAlpin 16:07. Seven teams competed in the two and one-half mile race.

The team's next meet will be the Michigan State Open tomorrow (Oct. 23) and the Southwest Missouri State Invitational on Oct. 30.

Quarterback Kirk Mathews, who rushed 25 times for 49 yards, was awarded the Don Black Memorial Trophy as the outstanding NWMSU player in last Saturday's (Oct. 16) Homecoming football game against Southeast Missouri State.

The men's cross country team finished 10th out of 16 in the Oct. 16 Southwest Missouri State Invitational.

Times and places of 'Cat runners finishing the 10,000-meter race were: 15. Vernon Darling 31:14; 59. Jeff Roberts 33:32; 60. Rudy Villarreal 33:35; 62. Bob Kelchner 33:45; 69. Greg Miller 33:57; 72. Dave Winslow 34:08; and 83. George Boateng 34:45.

In a meet held here Tuesday (Oct. 12), the 'Cats whipped Tarkio 17-42 to even their dual record at 2-2.

Places and times of 'Cat runners finishing the 10,000-meter race were: 1. Darling 31:45.2; 2. Winslow 32:46; 3. Roberts 32:58; 4. Villarreal 33:09; 7. Boateng 33:31; 9. Kelchner 34:06; 10. Miller 34:41; 11. Rich Rohde 34:41; 12. Rex Jackson 35:22; 13. Mike Sayers 35:22; 16. Jim Conaway 38:01; and 17. Dave Plymale 45:13.

The Bearkitten volleyball team holds a 4-18-2 record after last week's action.

The team lost to Benedictine 8-15, 15-13 and 13-15 and to Central Missouri State 14-16, 4-15 Oct. 13 to Martindale. Then on Oct. 14 in Martindale, the squad lost to Missouri-Kansas City 6-15 and 6-15.

In the Cornhuskers Invitational last Saturday (Oct. 16) at Lincoln, Neb., the team defeated Midland Lutheran 14-16, 15-12, 15-11 and Grandview 15-11, 3-15, 15-3 but lost to Nebraska 5-15, 8-15; Nebraska "B" team 7-15, 4-15; and Nebraska-Omaha 3-15, 8-15.

The team's next action will be a triangular against Central Missouri State and Kansas State at Warrensburg tomorrow (Oct. 23) and a triangular against Missouri-Kansas City and Central Missouri State at Kansas City next Tuesday (Oct. 26).

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In conjunction with the International Student Day activities this weekend,

NWMSU students from all parts of the globe will be competing in a soccer

tournament against teams from several other universities.

Soccer club anticipates tourney

Contrary to popular belief, there is a functioning soccer team on campus.

The only problem which team member Sam Maligi observed is that the administration does not sponsor them. "It's all individual effort, and the guy from A&G sponsored us enough to buy our uniforms."

The team would like to go into the league with the Kansas City teams, but they feel the outcome of this decision depends on the tournament to be played this weekend in conjunction with the International Day events. Maligi also stated, "Most of us are foreign students. We have some American students, but we would like more American students to join. As it stands now, we have about 25 guys on the team."

The team members talked to President Foster about the construction of a new soccer field for the players. "It's supposed to be just south of Phillips Hall, I think somewhere over by the tennis courts," Maligi stated.

Maligi also said the team would like to have a campus sponsor, but each individual feels that this, too, depends on the outcome of the tournament. Since most of the members have been playing since they were youngsters, the team does not have a regular coach. The older players teach the beginners.

The team played one game this semester, against Creston, Iowa, in which the NWMSU soccer team won 7-1.

This weekend International Students Day tournament will be the last games of the season that the soccer team will play, because of bad weather.

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NWMSU ski trip set

NWMSU's eighth annual ski trip to Winter Park, Colo. is scheduled for Jan. 2-10, 1977, during the University's break between fall and spring semesters.

The total cost of this year's trip is \$176 dollars, including transportation to and from Maryville, food and lodging for seven days and six nights at the Yodel Inn, seven days ski rental and one day's skiing lesson. Everyone is entitled to group discount rates for ski lift tickets.

A deposit of \$50 on or after Oct. 18 will assure reservations for the trip. For more information contact Marvin Silliman in his office in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

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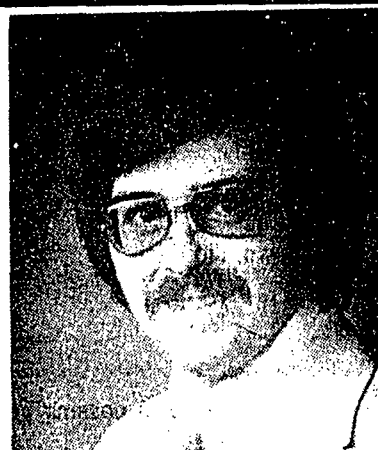
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VISTA recruiters present seminar

The Peace Corps and VISTA Recruiters will present a seminar on the work being done by the Peace Corps in agricultural development of Third World nations at 4 p.m. Oct. 25.

The presentation, part of the agriculture departments information series, will be held in the Administration Building on the second floor. Any student who is interested in international work is invited.

The speaker will be Joe Henggeler, formerly a student at NWMSU, who spent three years in agriculture extension work in West Africa. A film will be shown followed by a question and answer period.

Oct. 26, the Placement Office has arranged an interview schedule for people interested in the Peace Corps and VISTA. These people should sign up now at the Placement Office. Applications must be filled out prior to interview.

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Track conditions hamper cross country runners

Coach Earl Baker's men's cross country squad will close its "concrete" season at 4 p.m. today (Oct. 22).

In other words, the Bearcat harriers will host their final home meet of the season against Nebraska-Omaha and Central Missouri State on the roads instead of the team's campus course, which is laid out on the grass areas north and south of Phillips Hall's parking lot.

The three teams will run a 10,000-meter straightway course located on the access road that runs parallel to Highway 71. The course starts approximately two miles north of Pumpkin Center.

The 'Cat's home site was changed for last Tuesday's (Oct. 12) meet against Tarkio because the course was in what Baker called "poor and unsafe conditions."

According to Baker, the course wasn't in proper condition because the campus maintenance department made no repairs after 400 high school runners competed on the course in Sept. 24's NWMSU cross country invitational, which featured heavy rains.

Baker also said that since the team started running its home meets on campus (approximately four years ago) that the course hasn't been "maintained properly" by the maintenance crew.

Bob Brought, physical plant director speaking for the campus maintenance crew, said that the main reason there isn't an ideal grass area for running is because he and Baker haven't gotten together to plan and design a course.

Speaking about his long-range plans, Brought said the most important thing that needs to be done was that the southwest corner of the course, bordered by Country Club drive and 4th streets, needs to be plowed. New grass seed must be planted to replace the weeds, dirt and ditches. Brought added that if little running was done over the area after the seed was sown that it would be ideal after 15-18 months. Then little maintenance would be necessary to retain the surface.

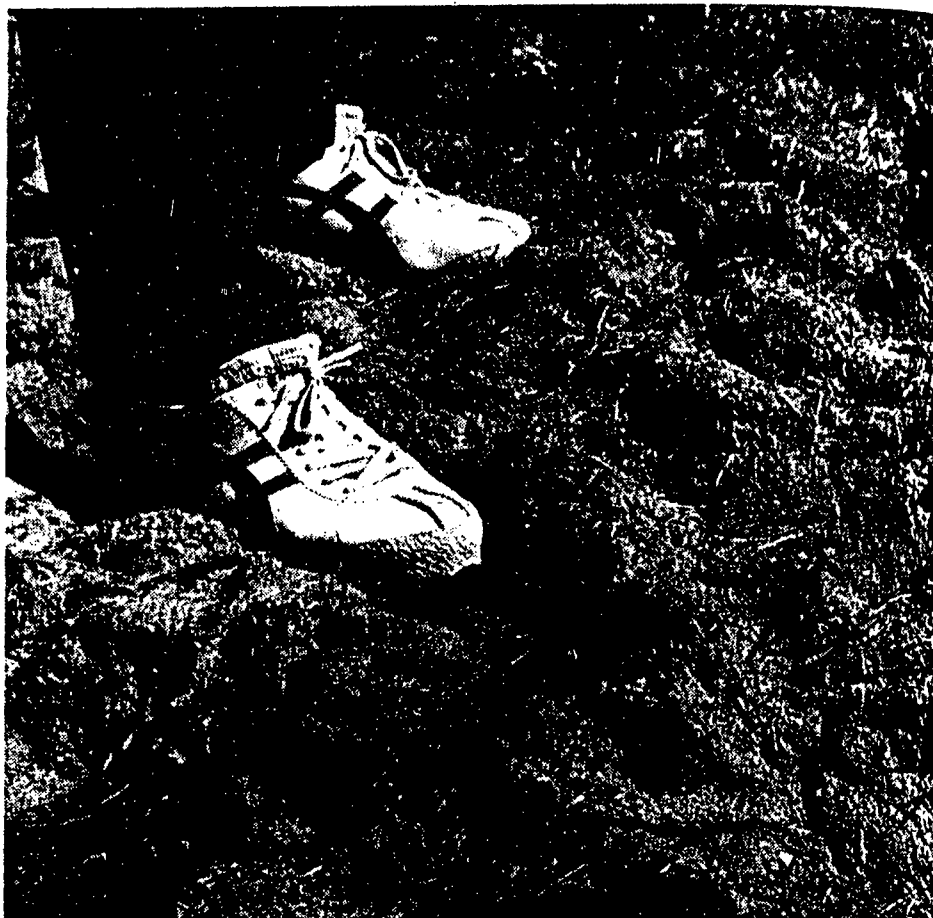
As for repairing the course this year, Brought said there was little he could do to repair the course now and long-range planning is the only answer.

Unsurprisingly, members of Baker's squad weren't happy about switching their home or practice site.

"Practicing and racing on the roads is helpful if you're road racing but you need to run on grass if you want to be successful in cross country. The situation isn't helping us prepare as well as we need to for meets," said team captain Vernon Darling speaking for the team.

If being forced to run on the roads causes the Bearcat squads to take out their frustrations on their opposition like they did in their last meet, then Coach Baker won't have to worry about winning!

The squad, in whipping Tarkio 17-42, had four runners finish ahead of Tarkio's first man and ten in the top 13. The team's fifth man, George Boateng, needed to run only 16 seconds faster and the 'Cats would have won with the lowest possible score of 15.



Many University athletes have expressed their dismay regarding the poor conditions of NWMSU's cross country track. The track was damaged at the Bearcat Invitational when 400 high school students ran in heavy rains. The track has not been repaired since then, which has forced the athletes to run in the streets.

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| Central | 0 2 0 | 1 5 0 |
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Last week:

Southeast 17, NWMSU 12
Mo.-Rolla 29, Central 15
Northeast 20, Southwest 6
Mo. Southern 44, Lincoln 0

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Foreign student explains Gypsy heritage, culture

Joy Wade

They believe in freedom very long—you are free to do whatever you want in life.

Life is the best school; what else can you learn than what you learn from people?

They are admirers of life, who think they can find God in people."

Are these quotes the foundation of a young youth movement, or perhaps ideas of students in a philosophy class? Neither.

These are explanations given by student Azucena Valdivinos as she described the lifestyle and beliefs of Gypsies. Azucena is well informed—her mother lived as a Gypsy princess for 15 years.

Her mother, Gisella Valdivinos, was born in Granada, Spain, the daughter of a Spanish patriarch of a Gypsy tribe and a Russian wife. The title of patriarch, or leader, is passed down through one family, so Gisella was destined to become the princess of her tribe.

Her life as a Gypsy was that of a wanderer, Azucena explained. "Their way of life is to move around . . . they don't belong to a specific place." This lifestyle continued for the princess until she was 15-year-old, when, during a move to Mexico City, Mexico, she became separated from her parents. After Gisella spent 15 days in the police station waiting for someone to claim her, the chief of police decided to adopt her as his second daughter. Later, she learned that her natural parents had been killed in an automobile accident.

The transition in her mother's life was not an easy one, as Azucena testified. "It was a very shocking change. She was assigned to be the princess and carry on the traditions. Although her stepfather loved her very much, it was hard to adjust. She loves her career now, and her mother and us, but the past is always appealing."

Following her introduction to a stationary lifestyle, Azucena's mother began a formal education and graduated from the University of Barcelona in Spain as a psychologist. Many talents and beliefs stemming from her childhood are helpful in her career.

"That's why she was interested in

being a psychologist," Azucena added. "After having such a radical change in her life, she thought, 'I'm married now; I can't travel and see people, so I'll become a psychologist and see people and exchange emotions that way.'" This career also helped to compensate for her no longer living in the "free society of exchanging cultural and national ideas" of the Gypsies.

Another factor of Gypsy life which helps Mrs. Valdivinos in understanding a patient's character and life is palm-reading. There are non-believers in this area, Azucena admitted. "But when you start telling him all about his life and character," she said, "he will begin to believe."

The basic principle in Gypsy education also contributes to a psychologist's personal life, explained Azucena. "Life is the best school; what else can you learn than what you learn from people? My mother would give me an example of a five year old girl who might live in a tribe. She would know how to read and write, and people would ask her, 'Where do you go to school?' and she would answer, 'This is my school, what else can I learn than what I learn here?'"

Religion is another Gypsy belief which reflects the variety of nationalities and cultures within the tribes. "They are admirers of life," Azucena continued, "who find God in people. They do not believe in a single god or pray the way most people do; they believe in God in a very special way."

In addition to religion, personal freedom is also integral in a Gypsy's life, according to Azucena. "They believe in freedom very strong—you are free to do whatever you want in life. They believe you must be free to love a person, or to be at peace and deal with one another."

This appreciation for people directly affects her mother's career, Azucena said. "One of her most exciting activities of the day is helping people. She feels great when she helps them to recover tranquility and find themselves."

More casual traits which still remain in her mother's personality includes a desire to travel. "Her background is always present," said Azucena. "Whenever she travels around Europe,



A recipient of the Mexican American Legion scholarship, Azucena Valdivinos is a student at NWMSU. Azucena's mother lived as a Gypsy princess for 15 years and although she is now a psychologist, she still clings to her heritage.

she remembers when she had been places before. She can still travel, but it isn't the same."

In addition to traveling and palm-reading, she also prefers to dress in a mild resemblance of her former life. "When you see a Gypsy walk by, you immediately recognize her," Azucena described. "They wear fancy dress with bright colors, scarves, earrings, and have coins hanging from their scarf. My mother still loves the colors and earrings and bracelets."

Characteristics of her mother have been carried on to Azucena, as she remarked, "It's funny how my mother has affected me—I also want to travel around the world, several times, and to

meet people. She is always asking me to learn a lot of languages so it will open doors for me."

Azucena is advancing quickly in her knowledge of languages, as her studies are concentrating on the French language, while she is taking a beginning German course and speaks fluent English. She hopes to work as a translator after spending this year in Missouri.

With such an open-minded attitude and a vivacious personality, it is highly probable that Azucena will reach her goals in life—while sharing her ideas with other people. After all, what else can you expect to learn than what you learn from other people?



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Family fulfills students' dreams

Me, fly a plane?!

At some time in life, almost all people dream of doing something wild, far-out, or fantastic. Flying a plane would definitely be considered a far-fetched, if not literally impossible, dream to most people.

But this dream has become reality for many NWMSU students through the efforts of Joe and Jo Rankin, flight and ground instructors for the NWMSU aviation class.

At one time, Joe Rankin, who along with his son, Kevin, gives the flight instruction for the class, was a crop sprayer in the Maryville area. Then in 1963, he and his wife started working at the municipal airport, where the NWMSU course first started eight years ago.

In January of 1972, the Rankins started their own private airport east of Maryville and the NWMSU classes continued there.



Joe, Jo and Kevin Rankin provide the flight and ground instruction for NWMSU's basic aviation class. They have been working in conjunction with the University for eight years.

According to Jo the biggest expense in running their own airport is the insurance. Since both Kevin and Joe are air frame and power plant (A & P) mechanics, they are able to do their own maintenance. In this way, expenses are cut somewhat.

As well as teaching university students, the Rankins also give private lessons. As stated in the Rankin Airport leaflet describing their facilities, "Flight and-or ground school training may be scheduled seven days a week and on holidays, except Christmas day. Hours are from 8 a.m. to dark."

One of their students this semester, Dr. George Barrett, said, "They're there all the time. They really bend over backwards to help you."

Joe has been flying for 28 years. He first learned to fly when he was only 14 years old at the municipal airport in Maryville.

Rankin's wife, Jo, teaches the ground school on campus on Thursday nights. She has been flying for 11 years and holds an Advanced Ground Instructor license issued by the FAA. Kevin Rankin, the other flight instructor, has flown for five and one-half years.

Joe is qualified as an instrument instructor, helicopter pilot, multi-engine and seaplane pilot. The FAA has designated him as a Pilot Examiner, which means he can give private and commercial flight tests and issue pilot's licenses. He is also an authorized inspector, so that he can inspect the airport equipment.

When asked about the cooperation between her ground class and Joe and Kevin's flying lessons, Jo said that she encourages her students to start flying as soon as possible. "The flight really helps them understand the 'ground' and the 'ground' helps them understand the flight," she explained.

During the Rankins' years of teaching, they have gone through many interesting experiences. Joe mentioned the time one of their students, Tom Norris, became interested in parachuting. Norris jumped several times at the Rankin Airport and commented on the accuracy Norris developed in his landings.

Joe was quick to add that he had never jumped. "No," he said, "and I'm not about to. I like riding in planes, but not jumping out of them."

He also recalled that Norris once took a friend with him and literally had to pull him out of the plane to get him to jump. "I don't want you to think that I'm that big a chicken," his friend explained, "but that's the first time I've been up in a plane, let alone jumping out of one."

Joe would like to see more advanced classes added to the NWMSU curriculum. He suggested broadening the course offerings by adding a maintenance class. And offering a class to help those who already know how to fly familiarize themselves with new FAA rules and regulations would be a valuable service.

Thanks to the three Rankins and their airport facilities, many area people are finally achieving at least one of their dreams.

University offers aviation class

During the past eight years, the physical science department has offered an aviation course for two hours of credit.

According to Dr. Robert Bush, director of admissions and student records, the class has a twofold purpose. It gives the students 10 hours of in-flight instruction, as well as over 30 hours of classroom training.

Dr. Bush sponsors the class, which he, Dr. Sam Carpenter of the chemistry

department and Dr. James Gleason of the elementary education department were instrumental in introducing to the NWMSU curriculum.

They, as well as several other teachers, learned to fly through instruction provided by Joe and Jo Rankin, who were running the Maryville Municipal Airport at that time. Once the Faculty Council (now the Faculty Senate) had approved the class, the Rankins were hired to teach it, with Joe Rankin providing the flight instruction

and his wife, Jo, teaching the ground school.

This class qualifies its students to take the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) written examination for a private license, but they must accomplish approximately 30 more hours of flight time before a private license can be issued. Those students who go on to complete the qualifications for this license receive two more hours of physical science credit.

One alumnus of this class, Denny Sapp, went on to become a member of the Blue Angels, a precision flying team of the Navy. Since this team was formed in 1946, only 35 men have qualified to become members. Sapp also finished second in his class in the Navy.

Another student, Tom Norris, achieved a commercial license, which qualifies him to carry passengers. He also became interested in parachuting while in school and has landed several times at the Rankin Airport east of Maryville.

Many other students have taken the class for use in their businesses. Dr. Bush and Dr. Carpenter both commented that this ability can be a great asset in business dealings. Dr. Bush pointed out that there has been a trend during the past three years for more and more people to see the advantages of private aviation.

Also, Dr. Carpenter noted that the enrollment in NWMSU's aviation class



Joe Rankin

has increased steadily since it was first instituted. About 175 people have now taken the course, with 22 presently enrolled.

Anyone interested in taking this course (which is open to townspeople as well as NWMSU students) must pay for all use of the planes and other airport equipment. Along with the textbook and ground school fees, the total cost for the class is between \$225 and \$300, depending on which of the Rankins' three airplanes the student decides to use.



Denny Sapp, second from the left in this picture, was at one time a student of the Rankins. He is now a member of the Blue Angels, a precision flying team of the Navy.

Teacher mixes aviation, math

Dr. George Barratt, NWMSU math instructor, is presently taking the aviation class taught by the Rankins.

"Stalling is probably the most interesting thing I've done so far."

The above statement may sound a little strange to most people, but to Dr. George Barratt and other students who are enrolled in NWMSU's basic aviation class, the comment has a very significant meaning.

Barratt, an instructor in the math department, is presently enrolled in the basic aviation class which is taught by the Joe Rankin family in coordination with NWMSU's physical science department.

"I love it," Barratt said, referring to the class. "Learning to fly is something I've always wanted to do. I'm only sorry I didn't do it 10 to 20 years ago." He went on to explain that time and money were probably the main factors that deterred him from learning to fly earlier.

Barratt obviously enjoys the course. "I can't imagine anyone not being interested in it," he said. "It is one of my more interesting courses—and I've taken quite a few."

He emphasized the fact that, while teaching, the Rankins not only teach the basic laws and rules which govern flying, but they also include examples and practical applications.

Some students may shy away from the course, fearing it will be overly difficult, but Barratt feels this need not be so. He admitted, "You have to do more than just listen to Mrs. Rankin; you must apply yourself." He went on to explain that there are a lot of rules and regulations to learn but it really isn't overly difficult.

Math is used to a certain degree in flying and Barratt realizes he has an advantage in this area. However, he said "a person with a decent background in high school math should be able to handle it easily." A knowledge of ratios, proportions, basic algebra and geometry is all that a student needs.

So far, Barratt has made seven dual flights with his instructor, Joe Rankin. Each flight was approximately one hour long. Although he is uncertain, Barratt feels it may take five more dual flights before he will be ready to make his first solo flight. Barratt explained, "Some people may be ready to solo more quickly than others."

While practicing his flying, Barratt has found that "a week or 10 days between each flying lesson is a deterrent." He feels, that if possible, it is better to take two lessons each week. "I get a lot more out of the second lesson if they are three or four days apart, because I still have the feel of the plane," he said.

As one can imagine, pilots can expect to have unique experiences and Barratt feels that stalling has been his most interesting experience so far. In laymen's terms, he explained that stalling is used in landing planes. While landing, the pilot must slow the plane and at the same time maintain enough power to combat the wind and stay on course. Essentially, this slowing process is achieved by actually stalling the plane in the air.

Like anything else, stalling takes practice, and during one of Barratt's first flights he practiced stalling the plane in mid-air. If you can recall how you feel in a stalled car, you can imagine why being in a stalled plane in mid-air would be an unusual experience, if not downright frightening.

One problem that Barratt has found during his flying is that "it is never exactly the same." Explaining, he said, "One time the wind might be directly coming from the east but the next time the wind may be coming from the west, so all the adjustments learned to combat the east wind must be completely reversed to combat the west wind. It's like learning to drive in the United States and then trying to drive in England," he said.

As to the future, Barratt hopes to eventually receive his private pilot's license, which he will use for pleasure flying only.

career opportunities in aviation increase

day and age when time and money are so precious, the use of small planes is rapidly growing.

Due to this rapid growth the demand for privately licensed pilots has increased. NWMSU's basic aviation class gives students a stepping stone towards getting their private license—which can be used in various occupations or for enjoyment.

A private licensed pilot is allowed to carry passengers in the plane if he is not being paid for his services. Before a pilot may receive payment for flying passengers, he must first obtain a commercial license.

One of the major categories in which private licensed pilots can work are in business, recreation, agriculture, and industry.

A pilot with a commercial license could work for many of the large corporations which own their own planes to transport executives, customers and employees.

In these categories, the use of small planes in business and industry is probably the most rapidly growing. Many private businessmen find using their own plane to travel between offices and to see potential customers is much handier and more economical than depending on the fixed schedules of public transportation.

As for oil pipeline patrol, aerial photography and aerial hoisting of equipment or machinery are jobs which would fall under the category of industry.

Another wide field open to pilots with private licenses is agriculture. With the enormous size of farms today, many farmers have their crops sprayed and fertilized by air and some even plant cer-

tain crops from the air. Also, the aerial fighting of forest and field fires is included in this category.

The area of recreation also offers many opportunities for both private and commercial licensed pilots. Under recreation, a private licensed pilot can fly family and friends for sheer enjoyment. They can also participate in sports such as racing, stunt flying, and endurance competitions.

With a commercial license, a pilot can charter his plane for joy rides and sports such as sky-jumping.

Instructional flying is also open to pilots, but there are special qualifications which each pilot must meet, according to FAA standards.

Research and developmental testing, demonstration flying, and banner towing are a few other opportunities which are open to a pilot with a private license.

Ben Westman, NWMSU junior: "The class is really beneficial if you're going to fly and it is almost mandatory if you want your license."

A 1976 NWMSU graduate: "Two years ago during an open house at Rankin Airport, I rode in one of the planes. I liked it, so I continued with it by enrolling in the class."

Steve Thomas, NWMSU sophomore: "The class is not as difficult as I thought it would be. Learning the FAA rules and regulations is more difficult than the actual flying."

Another NWMSU graduate: "I found the class very interesting and I'm finding how much I've learned. It's a lot of fun and I'm looking forward to my solo flight."

and Christine Scrivens.
and Jerry Benson.

Light, sound merge for experience

Scenes of exquisite beauty appear, expand, change. Timeless visual symbols, both natural and manmade, impart meaning to the music and seem to flow from it." All this more is Synesthesia, which will be presented by the artists Chick and Anne Hebert Thurs., Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theater.



Synesthesia, a multi-media concert in light and sound, which uses a visual synthesizer merging perceptual senses, was held in the Charles Johnson Theatre, Oct. 19.

Synesthesia is explained as being able to hear with your eyes and see with your ears. Natural and man-made images give meaning to music being played, seeming to flow from it with form and color, dancing and playing, making the notes alive. Tone becomes color and rhythm becomes pattern.

Chick and Anne Hebert combine their mutual backgrounds in the arts and sciences in Synesthesia. They began their work in California in 1970, leaving jobs in private industry in favor of this creative development. Chick's interests are photography, music, creative electronic design and performing. Anne also enjoys these interests in addition to painting and drawing, dance choreography and poetry.

They operate the elaborate projection system designed exclusively for synesthesia. They play the device, made up of projectors, optical accessories, integrated circuitry and miles of wire, as musicians play their instruments to produce sound and music. The controls aren't tape cued but are played by eye and ear. Interaction between audience and performance is important.

This contemporary kinetic art form has grown and expanded with more versatility as new invented techniques become more spectacular. A new image translator was recently added to the

program, after two years of design and construction. The machine allows images to be projected anywhere on a wide screen—floating across like clouds, scanning the screen gracefully, intertwining as dancers, moving abruptly or exploding in a riot of colors.

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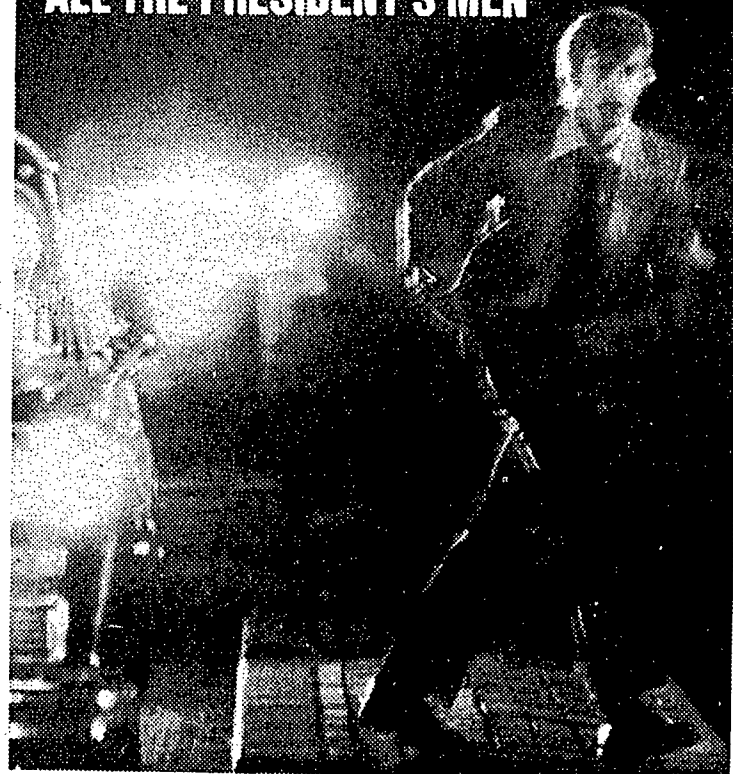
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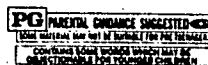
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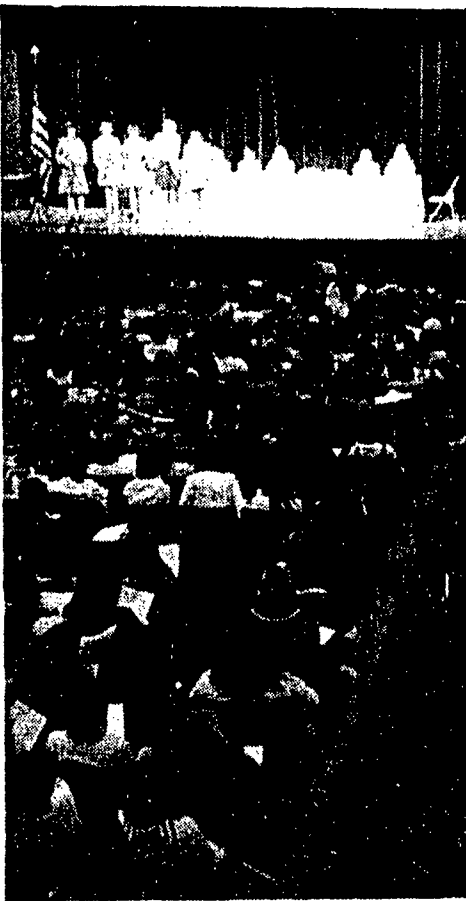
This statement was made by Dr. Karen Bartz, assistant professor of secondary education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, while she was addressing 800 area high school future homemakers. The students gathered on campus Oct. 18, for the annual Region One meeting of the Missouri Chapter of the Future Homemakers of America Association.

In making her statement, Bartz stressed that the student's decision to become a parent is a crucial one and it should not be made lightly.

Continuing her statement, Bartz said, "... the choice should not be made until you are ready to share your time, love and resources with a child, and whether you are ready to welcome a child into your family for its own sake and not someone else's."

She cautioned the listeners against being manipulated by outside pressures or traditional reasons for having children. Before making their decision, she encouraged them to consider what an impact a child would have on their life. She emphasized that a child will be a growing person who will go through the adjustment of elementary, high school and college.

She concluded by saying that being a parent can be frustrating, expensive, tiring and overwhelming, but it can also be a challenging, stimulating, and enjoyable adventure.



Jerry Benson

To be or not to become parents was the topic of Dr. Karen Bartz, guest lecturer, as she spoke to 800 Future Homemakers of America members from high schools across the region Tuesday evening.

CROP walk goal realized

An estimated 100 people took part in the CROP walk with runners, bicyclers and a pony also taking part. An estimated \$2,700 was realized as of Oct. 10.

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Blue Key members trek 30 miles

Ten men associated with NWMSU's Blue Key honor society will walk 30 miles Oct. 24, to raise money for activities of the Youth Association for Retarded Citizens.

Dr. Virgil Albertini, English professor, is one of the ten who will make the trek from Savannah to Maryville. The walk-a-thon participants are soliciting pledges for each mile walked. The group tentatively plans to leave Maryville at 9 a.m. and to complete their journey between 3 and 4 p.m. the same day.

Students involved in the walk will be John O'Guinn, Steve Carpenter, Rex

Gwinn and Mark Harpst, all officers of the group; also Lilbon Clark, Dick Blair, Leo Brooker, Jim Batallion and David Rentle.

YARC members work with Maryville area citizens of all ages in providing recreational opportunities. The group has sponsored a swimming program, a bowling program, a bi-weekly recreational night and a variety of outings for these citizens.

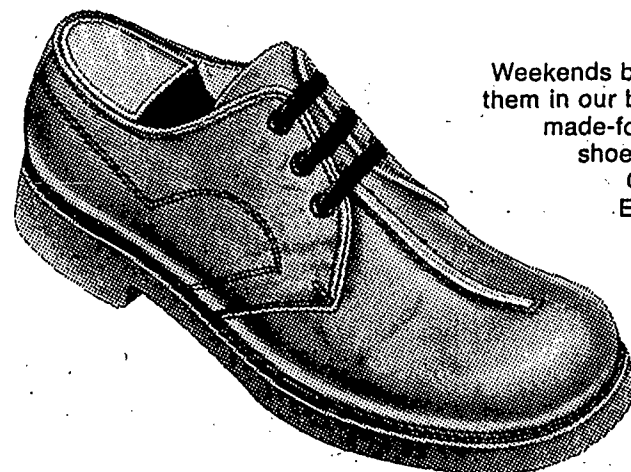
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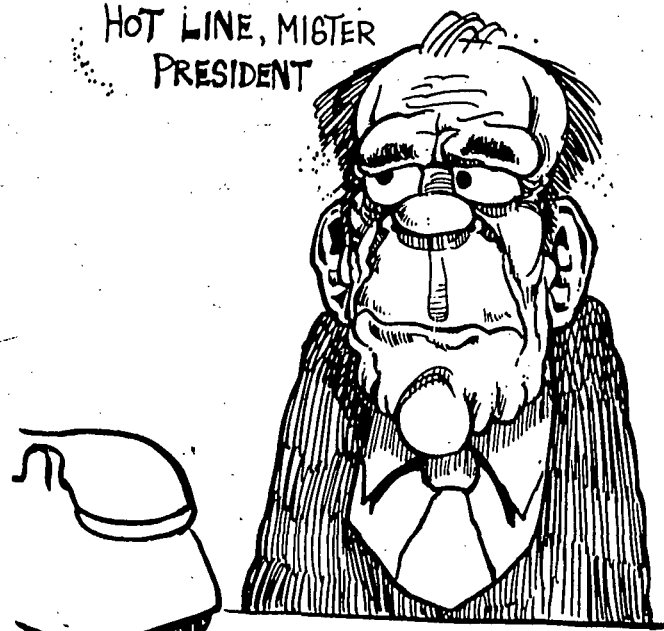
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THE STROLLER

Recently, your Stroller decided to spend a pleasant afternoon by studying down by the college pond.

Books under one arm, papers under the other, he casually strolled out into the warm sunshine. Walking toward the pond, he became aware of large, green, hopping creatures crossing his path quite frequently. Odd, he thought, I've never noticed these strange insects before. He should have been quite familiar with these creatures, but it seems that his nose for news has kept him so busy investigating life on the NWMSU campus that he never had time to peer outside into the wonders of the world of nature. He had, however, made an extensive study of the birds and the bees.

As the Stroller continued his journey onward he observed that these six-legged organisms had an uncanny knack for hopping at him instead of scurrying away like any other self-respecting bug. At one point, one of these hideous beings landed on your Stroller, which prompted a very loud, undignified "YECH!" Books tumbled to the mud in his effort to remove the clinging horror from his repulsed body.

By this time, your Stroller's nerves were somewhat shattered. Had anyone happened to watch him, they might have guessed that he was performing some new dance in his attempt to avoid the ever hopping, green pests.

Finally, the Stroller reached his destination: a nice, shady spot under a tree near the pond. After making quite sure that none of his "beastly friends" were about, he settled himself down. Being naturally curious, he whipped out his trusty biology book to inquire into the nature of these pesky creatures. After searching through the classification appendix, he discovered that they belong to a group known as "Arthropoda Insecta" and are commonly called "grasshoppers."

This discovery set your Stroller's mind in a whirl, wandering back to Biblical times when great hordes of grasshoppers plagued the Egyptians. Patriotic emotions were stirred as he recalled the American pioneers who fought to save their crops from onslaughts of these viscous insects. Finally, feelings of disgust and nausea welled up inside when he discovered one of these ugly atrocities sitting on his nose, staring at him. That did it. Your hysterical Stroller frantically gathered up his books and ran, not strolled, to the safe confines of his dorm room.

After securing the lock and sinking to the floor, waves of relief swept over him. Safe at last, he thought. Suddenly, he noticed a huge grasshopper crawling up his pant leg. Oh well, he thought, resigning himself to the joys of tobacco stains, maybe your Stroller can make a pet out of him.

COMMENTARY

Catherine Woolridge

Warning: "THIS IS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. THE USE OF THIS PARKING LOT BY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL IS FORBIDDEN. YOUR LICENSE NUMBER HAS BEEN REGISTERED AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL THE MORNING FOLLOWING THE DAY YOU RECEIVE THIS NOTICE TO REMOVE THIS VEHICLE. THIS HEADQUARTERS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE, BY TOW TRUCK, ANY VEHICLE REMAINING AFTER 8:30 A.M. ANY FUTURE VIOLATIONS OF THIS NOTICE WILL RECEIVE NO WARNING NOTICE, VEHICLES WILL BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY BY TOW TRUCK."

After a busy day of classes I was greeted with this warning when I returned to my car. I don't mind being requested to do something, but I don't like being warned or threatened, especially in writing.

First of all, the warning states that people can't park on government property. I was always taught that government was supposed to (and notice that I said supposed to) belong to the people. If this is so, then why can't people (and I think that most of us would be classified under that term) park on something that is supposed to belong to us. I was told that there must be controls on government property, but since the armory parking lot never appears full, or even half full, it seems that it could be used to handle some of the campus parking problem.

I also don't appreciate being called an unauthorized person. Before I parked my car in the armory parking lot, I checked at the business office to see if I needed a parking permit. I was told that I didn't need one, so I proceeded to park there. After receiving the warning, I called the armory and was informed by Doyle Watkins that the only people who could park in the lot were National Guard members, veterans and LPNs and they all have to have a parking permit. The University should decide which is correct and inform all of its employees, especially the business office, whether a permit is or isn't needed.

Spaces, spaces everywhere, but not a place to park...

"The sheet said that vehicles would be removed immediately. Yet later, cars were still parked there that received their warning on the same day I did. It seems like the towing clause was meant only as a scare tactic."

Watkins also said that the armory keeps no record of how many cars have been towed away. In the two years that I have been here I have never seen a car being towed out of that lot and many of the people I have talked to say the same thing. Does, or does not, the armory have vehicles towed away? Only the person whose car gets towed off may have the answer, because the armory people sure don't.

Also, the sheet said that vehicles would be removed immediately. Yet a couple of days after I received a warning, cars were still parked there that received their warning on the same day I did. It didn't seem like any action had been taken to remove them, but that the towing clause was meant only as a scare tactic.

It seems to me that, since this University is experiencing a parking problem, any space that isn't full should be utilized. This lot should be used for general parking as well as for those who already park there, even if it is on government property. Besides, the rest of the campus is also located on government property, so what is the difference if people park in the armory lot? The land is all the same.

CAMPUS FORUM

Dear Editor:

Another Christmas season is rapidly approaching—the time of year we most enjoy being with family and friends. However, for many thousands of our fellow Americans this will be a very lonely Christmas; they cannot be with their families because they are stationed overseas with the United States Armed Forces. For a large number of these young men and women this will be the first Christmas away from home.

You can help make this holiday season a little less lonely for many of these young people by joining in the collection of Christmas mail sponsored by Military Overseas Mail. This is an ideal project for school classes, clubs, scouts, and other groups or organizations as well as individuals and families. For more information, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to MOM, Box 4428, Arlington, VA 22204. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lee Spencer
Coordinator

Dear Readers:

This past week I received two letters — one was flawlessly typed in perfect form, and the other was scrawled on a smudged piece of notebook paper. These letters

shared two things in common: both were well-thought out and deserving of a place in the Northwest Missourian, and both authors disregarded our policy concerning editorials and comments.

The problem lay in the fact that these letters were unsigned. All material must be under 350 words and signed. If the author prefers that his name be withheld, we will do this, but we must have the name on file. Thanks.

Marli Murphy

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